

Writings From
A Local Farmer
Take Affect

South African Government to Build
Elevators Along Lines Suggested by
P. H. Wedderburn, a Local Farmer
Interested in That Country.

For some time past P. H. Wedderburn, secretary-treasurer of the Medicine Hat U. F. A. District Association, has been contributing articles to South African farm magazines in which he has advocated the building of government elevators in that country for the benefit and encouragement of the farmers. These articles have, no doubt, borne fruit. Last week, Wedderburn received word from the High Commissioner of South Africa, located in London, stating that the government of South Africa is calling for the erection of an elevator at Capetown, with a capacity of 50,000 tons, one at Port Elizabeth with a capacity of 40,000 tons, and 24 country elevators with a capacity of from 1,500 to 3,000 tons.

Mr. Wedderburn is a descendant of the early British settlers in South Africa. He was born in that country and resided there until coming to Canada after the war. Naturally he is interested in the development of that country and he has been keeping his friends there posted in regard to the legislation in this country. There is no doubt that this move on the part of the South African government is the outcome of Mr. Wedderburn's writings, as the letter from the High Commissioner intimates as much.

Funeral of Late
David Broadfoot

The funeral of the late David Broadfoot, who died on Monday, January 11, at his home, 1001 10th St. N., was held at 2 p. m. at the residence of his wife, Mrs. Broadfoot, 1001 10th St. N. The services were conducted by Rev. J. H. Smith, pastor of the Methodist church.

The service at the chapel was conducted by Rev. J. H. Smith. The local Masonic order, of which deceased was a member, arrived in a body and conducted the Masonic ceremony at the grave. The pall bearers were Messrs. J. Rutherford, W. H. Hatcher, C. E. Oakland, A. McCollman, J. Duggan, D. McLachlan. The final services were numerous and the remains were followed to their last resting place by a large circle of friends.

Among those who sent flowers were: Masonic order, Mr. and Mrs. P. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. F. Congram, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Freedman, Medicine Hat; Mr. and Mrs. Joslin, Medicine Hat; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Keefe, Mr. and Mrs. G. Lydell, W. C. Gosselin, and several with no cards attached.

Red Cross and
U.F.W.A. Convention

A joint session of the Alberta Red Cross and the U.F.W.A. convention was held on Monday evening, January 11, at the Hotel Vancouver. The United Farmers of Alberta will again sit in joint session with the Red Cross on Tuesday morning. The United Farmers are strong supporters of the Red Cross in Alberta, and the two organizations are working in close cooperation for the relief of distress and the promotion of Red Cross work in Alberta.

Canada Will Erect
Memorial Monuments

The Canadian War Reliefs Memorial Commission is sponsoring a competition among artists and architects for the design of eight memorial monuments to be erected on battlefields in France and Belgium. The site of these are at: Juncourt, Hill 60 Courcellette, Vimy Ridge, Passchendaele, Hospital Wood, Dury Grotte Road, and Bessene Wood. All points where Canadian troops were engaged in important battles are mentioned. An approximate cost of \$100,000 for each monument is indicated, and it is hoped to have the competition prepared and the monuments erected to mark the centenary of the war.

Regular Meeting of
Council Last Monday

At the regular meeting of the town council held last Monday evening, Mayor Bell presided and the following members were present: Messrs. Woot, Droughton, Kells, Oakland and Sullivan.

Much of the evening was taken up with a discussion of the financial situation and the repairing of the "road" damage done to the pump station.

The mayor and secretary were authorized to negotiate with the bank for a loan to meet current expenses.

The mayor and the chairman of the water committee were appointed a committee to arrange for securing a qualified engineer for the pump station.

A motion was passed instructing the town superintendent to take an inventory of all the equipment at the pump station.

Councillor Keats was chosen as deputy mayor for the first quarter. The secretary was requested to prepare a report on the assessment of the town for getting out the assessment notices for this year.

After the passing of some accounts the meeting adjourned.

Sanitary Inspector
Leaves Explicit Orders

The Provincial Sanitary Inspector having just made a four-day inspection of the town, has made the following recommendations and will expect the same to be carried out before his next visit in two or three months' time.

GARBAGE—To be put in proper receptacles and receptacles to be accumulated inside or outside barns, stables, etc., or on back lanes. All barns, stables, etc., to be cleaned out twice a day and buildings to be white-washed inside once every six months.

MANURE—Must not be allowed to accumulate inside or outside barns, stables, etc., or on back lanes. All barns, stables, etc., to be cleaned out twice a day and buildings to be white-washed inside once every six months.

WASTEWATER—Must not be thrown on ground near houses where it is liable to stagnate.

FOOD—In restaurants or other public places food must be kept by itself and no other articles must be in the same place as food, etc. Men-changers in restaurants, and butcher shops must be thoroughly air-tight and inside of chambers must be white-washed every six months.

Rural Entertainments
Spoiled With Booze

Our attention has been drawn to the fact that at the entertainments held at the homes of individuals, and at both of the country and town, assuming the practice of taking intoxicating liquors out when attending those entertainments, making it disagreeable to those who are cut for an evening's enjoyment. Although the amount of pleasure the entertainments have in the country is limited, those who are interested have made up their minds that if this vulgar habit is persisted in they will cut out every form of entertainment.

Britain's Sea Power
Still in the Lead

A news report from Washington says: "United States has complete inferiority in the form of submarines, but the British navy is still in the lead." "British sea power is now double that of the United States. In 1920, with the completion of the United States program, the preponderance in capital ships will cease, but Britain will still be superior in other types of vessels, including submarines, cruisers and light cruisers, and submarines and airplane ships.

Wheat Shipment From
Vancouver Increasing

Large quantities of wheat from the Western provinces are now being shipped to Europe from Vancouver. It is possible more shipments may be made, as the province has been cut off, and this provides an added attraction to shippers. A few months ago the rate was \$25 per ton, but it was not long ago when it was \$20.

SCHOOL NEWS

The skating ring is kept in good condition by frequent shovelling and as a result the skaters of the school ground are having a most enjoyable time. The young people of the town are also taking advantage of the opportunity to take a few turns about the ice. If the weather holds it is most likely a Junior hockey team will be formed.

A debating society has been organized from the students of Grades nine and ten composition classes. Arrangements have been made for a debate next Tuesday. The subject of debate will be: "Resolved That Machinery Does More Harm Than Good." The debaters are: Opponentive, Zaida Moore and Archie Rutherford. Negative, Nannie Learmonth and Arnold Macfarlane. The result is looked forward with expectation, as it is an interesting subject.

NOTICE.
Important! The name Plakie has been abolished. Any student found using this name will be punished severely by the aforementioned students.

This week will see the first edition of the Literary Record. A staff having been organized at one of the recent literary meetings. The Record is composed of all the local literary writers. The object of the paper is to develop the literary abilities of the students, and it is to be hoped that the students will take advantage of the opportunity. It will be read by one of the students at the Literary Meeting this Friday.

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This week marked the return of Grade IX. He intends to take Grade XI academic course in the future. He is to be hoped that the students will take advantage of the opportunity. It will be read by one of the students at the Literary Meeting this Friday.

One of the absentees of the week is Wm. Clark, who is in the hospital. He is now progressing favorably.

Free Treatment
For Returned Soldiers

Returned soldiers who are unable to find employment and who are in need of medical or surgical treatment, will be entitled to the same at the clinics operated by the department of soldier civil rehabilitation.

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First Parade of
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Organized from the "interest" being taken in the military unit recently formed in Redcliff in connection with the Alberta regiment, we are going to have an interesting season of military exercise here.

Already orders have been issued calling for the first parade to be held next Monday evening, Jan. 17th. On that occasion the members of the unit will assemble at the Boy Scouts' camp at 8 o'clock in the evening for physical training. All members are urged to be present and the attendance for the first parade is being asked to bring a new recruit with him. If there are any who are desiring of joining this unit are now yet done. Any desiring to attend this meeting and hand in their names.

Night Classes are
Making Good Progress

Good progress is being made with the night classes now being conducted regularly at the school here. About twenty members are enrolled in the English and the attendance for the past fifteen weeks has been almost 100 per cent. The members are making a great stride in their studies, and their instructor, Mr. Singer, is greatly pleased with the progress being made.

Work was also a mechanical drawing class was started with a membership of ten. This, too, is being well attended and is proving most interesting and instructive under the management of Mr. Singer. In this class there is still an opening for a few more members. Any desiring to join should do so as soon as possible in order to keep up with the work.

The class meets every Friday evening in the school. Any desiring to join should visit the school on that night and give their names to Mr. Singer.

Have Definite Scheme
For Wheat Pool

We repeat the warning from the Calgary Herald: "Farmers have a very definite scheme, and they are working on it as far as I know there is no breaking away from it." We have the common of H. W. Wood, the president of the United Farmers of Alberta, who showed a Winnipeg dispatch containing a suggestion that some one had thrown out a wheat pool scheme. "If any break should come, which I cannot believe," he added, "there will be ample time to discuss the matter." The president of the United Farmers of Alberta, who showed a Winnipeg dispatch containing a suggestion that some one had thrown out a wheat pool scheme. "If any break should come, which I cannot believe," he added, "there will be ample time to discuss the matter."

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Must Enforce Law
Rigorously in India

Mr. Michael O'Dwyer, until recently governor of the important province of India, in an article in the Globe concerning the unrest in India, has taken the form of government boycott, strikes and sedition, and declared:

"This much at least can be stated with certainty—that the present turbulent movement is leading straight for the disorganization of trade and commerce, for the ruin of every British interest and for anarchy and rebellion."

Mr. Michael asserts that "the time has come when the British in India must enforce law long since passed," and that if British would retain India the law must rigorously and impartially be enforced, irrespective of person or caste or class.

No Bids Received
For Irrigation Bonds

No bids were received on Friday at \$100,000 bond issue of the Lethbridge Northern Irrigation district, tenders for which closed last week. The provincial government had guaranteed interest on the bonds for two years. The trustees of the district will make immediate application to the provincial government for full guarantee of the bonds, it was stated by T. W. Oughton, chairman of the district, following the meeting of the trustees held to receive bids.

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Annual Meeting of
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OUTLOOK FOR 1921.

The outlook for 1921 is what we make it. If we believe in the intrinsic stability of Canada; if we meet our problems with confidence; if we think success instead of failure; if we talk progress instead of stagnation; if we prove our faith in ourselves and our country by earnest, honest work; then no one can doubt the outcome.

Much can be said of the outlook for this year. There are many things in the doing and much to be done. The housing situation in every large centre and many of the smaller towns throughout Canada is demanding attention, and there is no doubt that with the reduction in lumber and other building material prices, together with a re-adjustment of wages and labor conditions, a large building program will be carried out. This building will not be confined to housing alone. For several years past there has been a shortage in storage and public buildings and utilities brought about by a curtailment of operations along these lines during the war. These must now be available to take care of the ever increasing influx of immigrants, and consequent enlargement of trade. Realizing this all our governments, both Dominion and provincial, are providing for building operations in their estimates.

Prospects for immigration would seem to be determined by the amount of space that will be available on ocean liners and the ability of transportation companies to take care of prospective requirements. There is very little doubt that desirable settlers in large numbers will come to the Canadian west during the coming year, and this factor, together with the prospective amount of building and reclamation schemes, irrigation works, railway construction, re-opening of lumber mills, manufacturing enterprises, more activity in mining centres, both on the prairies and in British Columbia, bids fair to make the year one of pronounced trading value.

In dealing with 1921 prospects a financial magazine says: "Assumption of normal business will have a reassuring influence, with perhaps a slight upward movement in prices followed by a decline to a point where the laws of supply and demand will fix definite trading values."

"Bank clearings, deposit accounts, crop clearings, value of crop and other factors, all point to a sound financial and healthy condition existing in the west." Labor, until the last few weeks, has been fully employed at high wages, while now a certain amount of unemployment exists, more especially in coast cities; there is nothing, however, very unusual in the situation this year as against other years in this respect.

"As undoubtedly, with the turn of the year, there will be a steady westward movement of merchandise, farm machinery and other articles to replenish stocks in preparation for spring and summer trading, the present effort to sell out existing stocks is a natural one. In a general way, replacement prices are the rule, and it is purely an act of natural economies in preparation for stabilized prices, as against those which were caused by conditions pertaining to a war year."

Just when our Canadian farmers are beginning to think they are getting some place in this country, along comes a Colorado farmer and suggests that farmers be allowed to have two wives. Someone is always taking the joy out of life.

That eastern business man who said: "If we had brains enough and courage enough to come through the war, we surely have sufficient mental ability to go through a period of financial deflation," said something.

It is reported that Mrs. Ralph Smith, M.P.P. in the B. C. legislature, is to be made speaker of the house. As the speaker is supposed to have the last word, the appointment would be very appropriate.

Now Mining Salt In Saskatchewan

The Seneca Salt Company have started mining operations at their saline deposits at Seneca, Saskatchewan, and are now hauling a large amount of low-grade rock, a distance of 10 miles to the nearest railway platform, where it is shipped to different points. Trucks are used as the means of conveyance. Several improvements have been made by the company, including a large shed and a number of evaporating pans installed on the side of the deposits. The company expect shortly to be evaporating salt at the rate of ten tons per day. A contract has been entered into with the United Grain Growers of Alberta to supply them with their entire requirements of salt for cattle purposes next year.

The Vancouver built, owned, and operated steamer "City of Victoria," 8,000 deadweight tons, called during the week for England with a record British Columbia cargo, consisting of over four million, nine hundred thousand feet of the, all from British Columbia mills.

Big Rush for Alberta Oil Leases

A big rush for oil leases in the Brazeau forest reserve at the foot-line, west of Edmonton, is being experienced as indicated in the payment of nearly \$25,000 in fees to the Mines Branch of the Edmonton office within the first two weeks of December. Land office officials estimate that in the neighborhood of \$5,000 acres have been filed upon, half of which, under the new regulations, is reserved to the right of the crown. Chief among the interests who have filed on this property is the Imperial Oil Company and the Oilfield Mason Collection. It is stated that the Imperial Oil Company will set aside \$2,000,000 for development in the Alberta oil fields next year, and that, if results warrant, the appropriation will be materially increased.

Two hundred and fourteen persons lost their lives when the Spanish steamer Santa Isabel was wrecked near VIII Gorda, Saturday night. Fifty-five persons were saved, but many of them were injured.

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A Vancouver built airplane purchased by a Chinese aviator named Lim On, who learned to fly at Saskatoon, Sask., left by the last C.P.S. steamer for the Orient. It is the intention of Mr. Lim On to do government work out from Shanghai and also open an aviation school. He has announced his intention of purchasing three more convertible cars and land planes from Vancouver builders.

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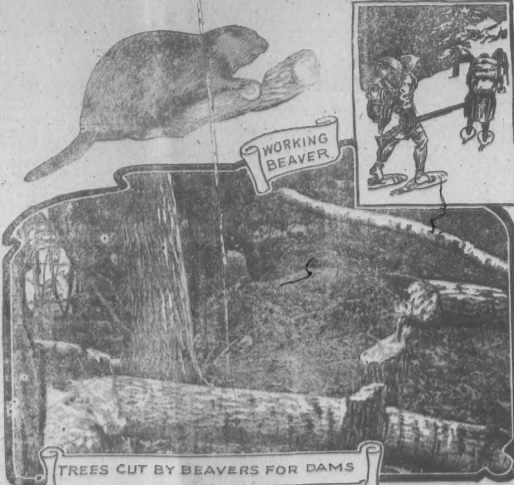
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Anyone who first gazes on the sight of the Canadian Pacific Railway is struck with the fact that little animal sitting in the foreground. This is no less than Mr. Beaver, the chap who started out to build a dam and built up the Dominion of Canada in addition for good measure. Columbus did not seek paths when he discovered America. Others came to find China, but when Cathay did not prove to be around the corner and the Indians still the barbarians, Columbus followed the trader and trader, and so the fur trade went over northward, the white man went with it, developed new territory and established new empires in the conquest of the wilderness. Mr. Beaver is still an important personage. Within the last year a company was organized in Montreal with a capital of \$5,000,000 to conduct business and Canada is becoming a great fur market as well as the world's great fur producer, and beaver is still the staple of the fur trade.

An evidence of the mild weather that is at the present time prevailing in Alberta is the news that plunging is still in full swing in the Spirit river and McLennan districts, Peace River.

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